

## ALABAMA

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**GOAL 1** Ready to Learn

1. Reduced percentage of infants born with 1 or more health risks? (1990, 1995)	39%	36%	↑	37%	34%	↑	25-48%	24-46%	38%	35%
2. Increased percentage of 2-year-olds immunized? (1994, 1996)	75%	78%	↔	75%	78%	↑	61-88%	64-88%	76%	79%
3. Reduced number of infants (per 1,000) born with low birthweight? (1990, 1995)	84	90	↓	70	73	↓	48-151	53-134	71	75
4. Increased number of mothers (per 1,000) receiving early prenatal care? (1990, 1995)	735	817	↑	758	813	↑	469-868	560-900	778	828
5. Increased number of children with disabilities in preschool (per 1,000)? (1991, 1996)	41	47	↑	*	*		16-68	16-92	38	47

**GOAL 2** School Completion

6. Increased high school completion rate? (1990, 1995)	82%	87%	↔	86%	86%	↔	77-96%	79-96%	87%	88%
7. Reduced high school dropout rate? (1994)*	6%	—		*	*		3-10%	—	5%	—

**GOAL 3** Student Achievement and Citizenship

8. Increased reading achievement in Grade 4? (1992, 1994)•	20%	23%	↔	29%	30%	↔	8-38%	8-41%	26%	27%
9. Increased mathematics achievement•										
• in Grade 4? (1992, 1996)	10%	11%	↔	18%	21%	↑	5-27%	3-31%	16%	20%
• in Grade 8? (1990, 1996)	9%	12%	↔	15%	24%	↑	1-27%	5-34%	15%	22%
10. Increased science achievement in Grade 8? (1996)	18%	—		29%	—		5-41%	—	27%	—

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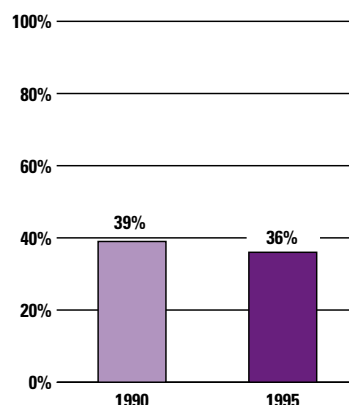
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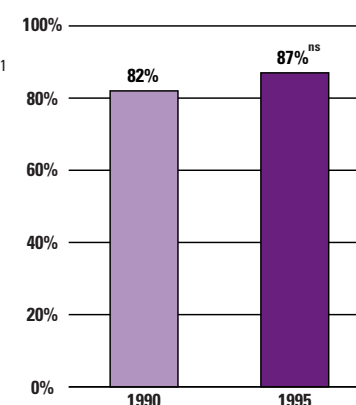
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**Children's Health Index**  
Percentage of infants born with 1 or more health risks<sup>1</sup> (Indicator 1)



<sup>1</sup> Includes late (in third trimester) or no prenatal care, low maternal weight gain (less than 21 pounds), mother smoked during pregnancy, or mother drank alcohol during pregnancy.

**High School Completion**  
Percentage of all 18- to 24-year-olds<sup>1</sup> who have a high school credential<sup>2</sup> (Indicator 6)



<sup>1</sup> Does not include those still in high school.

<sup>2</sup> Includes traditional high school diploma and alternative credential.

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<b>GOAL 3 Student Achievement and Citizenship (continued)</b>										
11. Increased the number of Advanced Placement examinations receiving a grade of 3 or higher (per 1,000)? (1991, 1997) <sup>o</sup>	32	49	↑	55	85	↑	9-177	18-223	41	65
<b>GOAL 4 Teacher Education and Professional Development</b>										
12. Increased the percentage of public secondary school teachers who hold										
• a degree in main teaching assignment? (1991, 1994)	70%	63%	↓	66%	63%	↓	51-85%	50-81%	69%	64%
• a teaching certificate in main teaching assignment? (1991, 1994)	98%	96%	↔	94%	93%	↓	91-100%	89-100%	98%	97%
13. Increased the percentage of public school teachers participating in professional development on 1 or more selected topics? (1994)	86%	—		85%	—		76-98%	—	86%	—
14. Increased the percentage of public school teachers with training to teach limited English-proficient students? (1994)	4%	—		16%	—		4-81%	—	16%	—
15. Increased the percentage of beginning public school teachers participating in a formal teacher induction program? (1991, 1994)	25%	23%	↔	22%	27%	↑	6-42%	7-48%	20%	23%
<b>GOAL 5 Mathematics and Science</b>										
16. International comparisons in mathematics and science will be reported in future Goals Panel reports. <sup>∞</sup>	—	—		—	—		—	—	—	—

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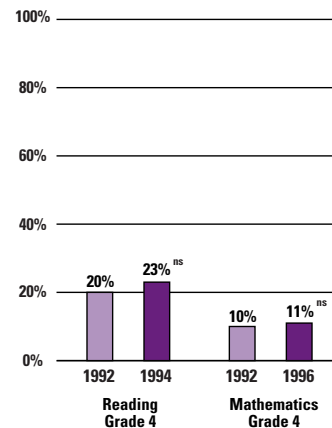
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<sup>∞</sup> This information had not been released when the 1997 Goals Report went to print.

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**Student Achievement**  
Percentage of public school students who met the Goals Panel's performance standard<sup>1</sup> in reading and mathematics (Indicators 8 & 9)

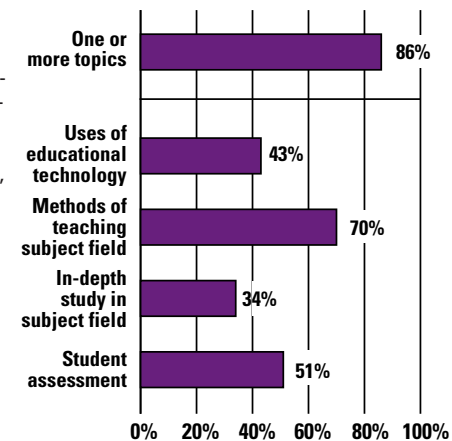


<sup>1</sup> A complete description of the performance standard can be found in Appendix C.

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**Professional Development**

Percentage of public school teachers participating in professional development on the following topics, 1994 (Indicator 13)



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**GOAL 5** Mathematics and Science (continued)

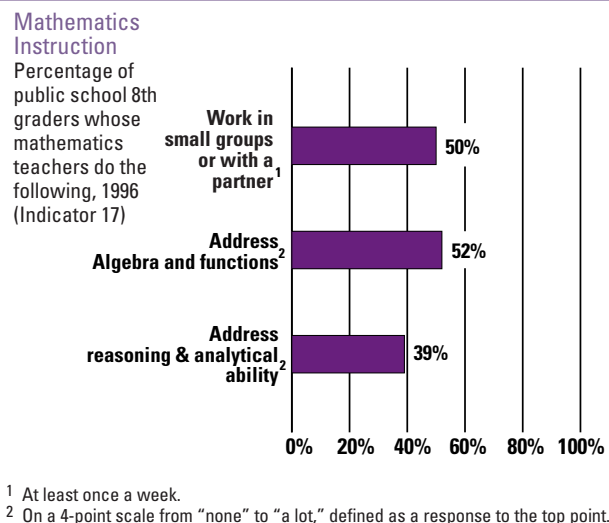
17. Increased the percentage of public school 8th graders whose mathematics teachers											
• have students work in small groups or with a partner? (1996)	50%	—				66%	—	45-92%	—	67%	—
• address Algebra and functions? (1996)	52%	—				57%	—	45-82%	—	58%	—
• address reasoning and analytical ability? (1996)	39%	—				52%	—	39-64%	—	48%	—
18. Increased the percentage of public school 8th graders who have computers available in their mathematics classroom? (1996)	33%	—				30%	—	7-54%	—	30%	—
19. Increased mathematics and science degrees awarded to											
• all students? (1991, 1995)	34%	38%	↑			39%	42%	25-49%	15-53%	39%	42%
• minorities (Black, Hispanic, American Indian/Alaskan Native)? (1991, 1995)	40%	37%	↓			39%	40%	22-64%	22-57%	39%	39%
• females? (1991, 1995)	30%	34%	↑			35%	37%	23-46%	13-47%	33%	36%

**GOAL 6** Adult Literacy and Lifelong Learning

20. Increased adult literacy? (1992)	—	—				52%	—	46-77%	—	53%	—
21. Increased the percentage of U.S. citizens											
• registered to vote? (1988, 1992)	74%	78%	↔			70%	73%	58-95%	63-92%	71%	75%
• voting? (1988, 1992)	57%	64%	↑			61%	66%	50-74%	55-77%	62%	68%
22. Increased postsecondary enrollment? (1992, 1994)	56%	64%	↑			**	**	33-68%	37-71%	53%	55%

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### GOAL 7 Safe, Disciplined and Alcohol- and Drug-free Schools

23. Reduced marijuana use? (1991, 1995)•	10%	17%	↓	**	**	4-18%	7-32%	10%	23%	
24. Reduced alcohol use (5 or more drinks in a row)? (1991, 1995)•	30%	25%	↑	**	**	17-43%	13-43%	30%	31%	
25. Reduced availability of drugs on school property? (1993, 1995)•	18%	28%	↓	**	**	11-31%	20-46%	22%	30%	
26. Reduced students threatened or injured with a weapon on school property? (1995)•	9%	—		**	**	4-11%	—	8%	—	
27. Reduced physical fights on school property? (1993, 1995)•	14%	14%	↔	**	**	13-39%	12-19%	16%	15%	
28. Reduced students carrying weapons on school property? (1993, 1995)•	13%	13%	↔	**	**	8-18%	7-14%	12%	11%	
29. Reduced students not feeling safe at school? (1995)•	6%	—		**	**	3-16%	—	5%	—	
30. Reduced teacher victimization? (1994)	14%	—		15%	—	8-26%	—	14%	—	
31. Reduced student disruptions? (1991, 1994)	40%	54%	↓	37%	46%	↓	23-60%	33-65%	37%	47%

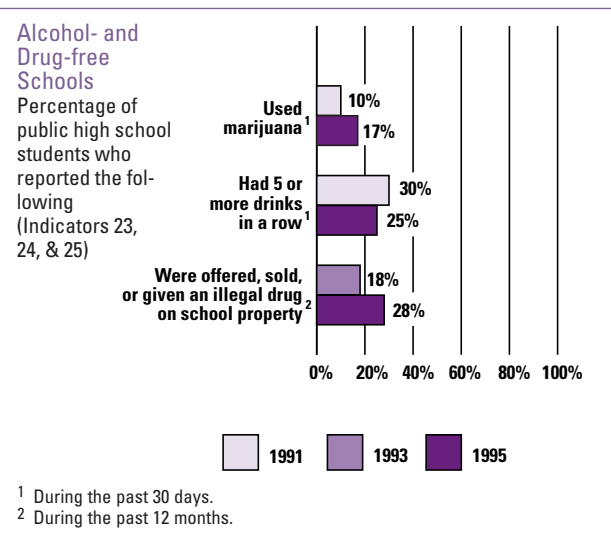
### GOAL 8 Parental Participation

32. Decreased schools with minimal parental involvement • Teacher's perspective? (1991, 1994)	31%	32%	↔	**	**	9-44%	13-50%	23%	27%
• Principal's perspective? (1991, 1994)	15%	17%	↔	**	**	4-22%	3-27%	13%	13%
33. Increased influence of parent associations? (1991, 1994)	14%	21%	↔	**	**	8-37%	12-50%	16%	22%

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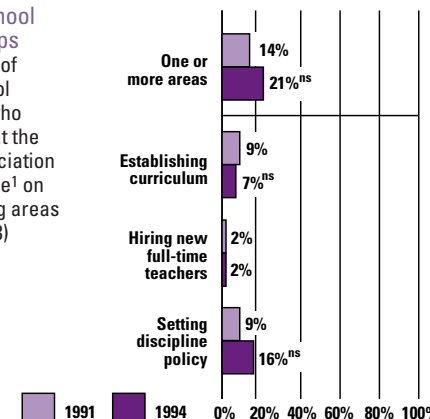
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#### Parent-School Partnerships

Percentage of public school principals who reported that the parent association has influence<sup>1</sup> on the following areas (Indicator 33)



<sup>1</sup> On a 6-point scale from no influence to a great deal of influence, defined as a response to the top two points.  
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